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MINUTES FROM RESIST MEETING
JUNE 3, 1972
BELL'S HOUSE

Attending: Frank Joyce, Norm Fruchter, Hans Koenigsberger, Paul Lauter, Una Claffey, Jennifer Riley, Bell Chevigny, Tom Wolf, Florence Hown, Bill Davidson, Rilde Hain, Claudette Pipor, Robert Zevin, Tony Avirgan, Barbara Webster, Jean Turner, Grace Paley, Carl Rogers, Bob Lifton, Patricia Welch and Jan of the Harvard Square Waitresses Union

Financial Report: The spring fun-raising mailing has just barely paid for itself, and we've paid off the \$700 loan from the Free Press. We have approximately \$1,900 to grant.

There was a discussion as to whether Resist should be paying federal employees withholding tax, and it was decided that indeed we shouldn't be. As of now, Resist will no longer withhold tax money from staff's paychecks, and each individual staff person will decide what to do with the salvaged tax money. Bill suggested putting it into a movement loan fund, such as has been set up by Philadelphia Resistance. This fund earns interest while providing money for no interest loans to movement groups. Bill will write an article for the newsletter explaining the political motivations for this decision, to give it as much publicity and political mileage as possible. It was suggested that staff might want to move their private bank accounts out of Cambridge to avoid a loan.

Staff Report: Jennifer is leaving the staff as of July 1, and we have 3 or 4 people interested in working in the office. We are looking for 2 staff people. If any of you have people in mind, send them along.

Fundraising: Paul suggested that at some point, either this month or next, that we enclose an extra newsletter and return envelope to our mailing list, with a notice in the newsletter that we'd like them to pass it on to a friend, in hopes of expanding the list.

It was decided that the fundraising letter which has been used for the fall and spring mailings should be revised to be used at least until fall (and the elections) by Steering committee people in fundraising among personal friends. HILDE will revise it, staff will have it printed and will send copies to SC people. SC people will be sent the letters, copies of the most recent newsletter, and Resist envelopes and return envelopes.

Paul brought up the idea of SC people having very small fundraising parties among their friends, with the aim of raising small amounts of money. People generally felt it would be hard to get people together without something specific to tell or show them about Resist. This sparked a discussion about putting together a Resist slide show, gathering slides from various projects, and using this as a fundraising tool. Claudette, Jean, and Bell will work on contacting groups in their areas to send slides. Staff will contact Wendy about this idea while she's on the West Coast.

Leonardo Blockade: This action on June 10-11 is being sponsored by Philadelphia Resistance, UVAW, and Movement for A New Society (which according to Bill is taking over the role formerly played by AQUAG). Leonardo is the site of one of 5 ammunition depots in the country, and working conditions there are fairly unsafe. The group is pushing action against the depot on the basis of it being unsafe - an explosion at Leonardo would affect New Jersey and Staten Island, and the group is organizing in these areas. There will be a sea blockade and a land blockade, consisting of a religious service and sit-in on the railroad tracks servicing the depot.

Bill will contact NARMIC to determine to what extent they have exact information on the location of war materiel producers, and also to see if they know the location of the 5 ammunition depots in the US. Bill will get this info. to the office, and will write a newsletter article on the interdiction actions (Willow Grove, Bangor, Leonardo).

Staff will keep listing of interdictions up to date, and will act as resource for info. on upcoming actions. Resist will also be the collection point for lists of names of those signing the statement claiming responsibility for the CCIWM's action at Willow Grove.

Redress: Bob Lifton and Carl Rogers discussed the Washington action in which professionals and academic and show biz heavies satK-in in Congress, and plans for future actions with a similar group. They emphasized that this sort of CD action was new for most of the people involved, and a big step for many. They are each to bring 3 new people from their profession to the next action, which will be June 14 in Washington, at the Senate (?). A long and heated discussion followed concerning the alleged elitism of the action, and the bad reaction it elicited from many parts of the movement. Many people agreed that it was fine for professionals to be taking a public stand against the war, but that it should be in the context of continued organizing among their constituencies, ie, other professionals, and not to be seen as an end in itself. A few people took strong exception to the view that such an action by public figures would give courage to ordinary people and legitimization to previous sit-ins and actions.

Harvard Square Waitresses Union: Patricia Welch and Jan gave a short history of the Union growing out of the strike at Cronin's, and the success they've had thus far while using up personal savings and with the result of being blackballed in restaurants in Harvard Sq. ~~XXXXXXXX~~ The Union is now beginning a research project on working conditions in the Square as they affect all service employees. The results will be paid for and published by The Phoenix. Pat and Jan suggested Resist donate to a general strike fund. There was some discussion of this, and people generally felt it would be a good idea to set up some sort of strike fund with the idea that there will be more and more independent unions springing up in the future with a need for such a fund. Discussion of this will continue at the July meeting. **THINK ABOUT IT.**

Funding:

The Prison Law Collective (San Fran.)	\$200
Voice of Haiti (N.Y.)	Pending
Karl Armstrong Defense Committee (Madison)	\$0, article in newsletter by <u>Claudette</u>
All You Can Eat (N.J.)	No
Bill Haywood Collective (N.C.)	No
Miami Action Project (Cambridge)	No
Chicano Vietnam Project (Berkeley)	\$200
Pittsburgh Peace & Freedom Center	Pending
Harvard Sq/ Waitresses Union	\$300 - \$200 - \$100
Black Panther Party/Boston	Resist will buy needed equip. thru MCHR
Cambridge Tenants Org. Committee	\$200 - \$200
Rhode Island Workers' Assoc.	Pending
Health Information Project (Phila.)	\$250 - \$200 - \$100
Community Day Care Center (WVa)	\$200 - \$200
The Sister Center (Chicago)	\$202.50
Alabama Black Liberation Front	Pending
Jamaica Plain Bookstore	No \$, NE Free Press lit grant (up to \$100)
Mass. Lawyer's Guild (Cambridge)	\$200
Black Panther Party/New York	No
Covered Wagon/Mt. Home, Idaho	Pending til next month

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE SUNDAY, JULY 9, AT HILDE HEIN'S 19 FAIRMONT AVE., NEWTON, MASS.
EEEE 11 AM.

**Resist Financial Statement
For Steering Committee Meeting
June 3, 1972**

Balance as of May 12, 1972 \$1019.84

Income for the month

Pledges	1040.91
Contributions	1719.50
Security Kit	22.50
H.S. Kit	22.00
Subscriptions	539.15
Misc.	411.00

Total income was 3755.06

Disbursements for the month

Taxes	0.00
Payroll	470.74
Grants	1431.00
Postage	370.00
Printing	123.60
P.C., Travel	
maintenance	313.31
Security Kit	35.35
Misc.	500.00

Total disbursements for the month 3244.00

Present balance as of June 2, 1972 1527.90

The encumbrances for the next month are

Taxes	250.00
Rent	130.00
Payroll	720.00
Postage	360.00
Travel	200.00
Printing	200.00
Telephone	175.00
Continuing Grants	
(inc. UFWOC)	925.00

Total encumbrances for the month 2960.00

Our present balance plus our projected income minus the encumbrances gives us about \$1900.00 to grant for this month. The financial situation was helped by a check for \$1000.00 from Jean C. Williams on 5/23/72.

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1. The Prison Law Collective, San Francisco; a prison legal support group, working mainly at San Quentin and Folsom. Has filed several class action suits against brutality, long confinements, restrictions against correspondence and literature. Their needs are for travel, rent/subsistence, books for prisoners and \$400 for mimeo run of Jail House Lawyers' Manual which will help prisoners file their own suits for damages to help combat brutality inside. Submitted to GLUDF after last meeting, they were unable to help.

Pending
2. Voice of Haiti, Hopewell Junction, N.Y.; Asking for \$100 a month for 3 months to cover costs of paper, a newsletter of the Friends of Haiti, which provides anti imperialist propaganda for the Haitian Liberation Movement. Referred back from May meeting for more information.

Charlotte doing article
3. Karl Armstrong Defence Committee, Madison, Wisconsin; asking for anything toward fund raising mailing; Armstrong is accused of bombing Army Mathematics Research Centre at Madison and is currently being held for extradition in Toronto. Also submitted to GLUDF after last meeting.

No
4. All You Can Eat, New Brunswick, New Jersey; Asking \$50 rent, \$20 LNS charges \$40 supplies, \$700 printing to continue publishing. Paper is free political paper, recently put out a special issue for striking workers at New Brunswick air conditioning plant.

No
5. Bill Haywood Collective, Moorehead City, North Carolina; Asking for \$100 toward phone bill of \$327 resulting from Armed Forces Day work at the Marine Air Corps Air Station at Cherry Point. Their action was very successful, many active duty G.I.s showed up at risk of trouble from superiors. Resist funded them \$140 in April to cover phone bill resulting from other work.

No
6. Miami Action Project, Boston area; Looking for \$300 to pay for the first printing of a 4 page brochure explaining their programme, the PRG 7 point peace plan, plan of the Miami Convention Coalition-Expose '72 and the necessity of some portions of the anti war movement to dramatize in Miami, through non-violent c.d. resistance to the Nixon Administration.

oo contingent
7. Chicano Vietnam Project, Berkeley; Looking for undetermined sum to help pay debt of \$1134. A communications project between Chicano Third World and Vietnamese people. Referred from last meeting for further information. We have written them and tried calling but have not been able to talk with them.

ending
8. Pittsburgh Peace and Freedom Centre, Pittsburgh; Looking for anything we can give toward buying a new mimeo machine. They appear to operate as a centre for a number of groups in the Pittsburgh area and their main thrust has been in organizing around national actions.

oo 200/100
9. Harvard Square Waitresses Union, Cambridge, Mass.; Looking for \$250 for emergency strike fund, \$150 for legal fees, \$450 for research project and \$150 for telephone deposit. The HSWU is attempting to organize the waitresses in the Harvard Square area through a research project investigating violations of the Health and Sanitary Code, tipping, profit margins on food items and general working conditions in the Square. They are currently involved in a strike for recognition at one establishment.

oo 206
10. Cambridge Tenants Organizing Committee, Cambridge, Mass; Looking for \$450 for rent, phone, newsletter and staff salary. Purpose of the organization is to build independent power among tenants and hopes to develop a radical community party working in all areas. They have already done a considerable amount of anti-war work and have assisted the Polaroid workers, farmworkers

and waitresses boycotts as well as food cops. sorry, that of course should read co-ops!!!

(300) 11. Black Panther Party, Boston; Looking for \$1,000 for expansion of existing health service in the black community. They have already served over 2,500 people in their Free Health Centre as well as 6,700 people who have been tested for sickle cell anemia since August '71.

postpone 12. Rhode Island Workers' Association, Providence, Rhode Island; Looking for \$300 for a typewriter. They have been working together since last August and have had considerable success in organizing unemployed people in Rhode Island and Southern Massachusetts. Their main work is informing people of their rights, particularly unemployed people and taking direct action to protect those rights.

250/200/150 13. Health Information Project, Philadelphia; Looking for \$250 to \$300 a month for three months until long range funding comes through. They are a radical health research and organizing group. Bill Davidson has more information.

200/200/200 14. Community Day Care Centre, Huntington, West Virginia; Looking for seed money to set up day care facilities. They hope to be able to care for at least 40 children. They stress the necessity of day care centres which are under the control of the company especially in view of pending legislation which will, according to information they have received, go to corporations to set up their own day care thus gaining an even tighter grip on their employees.

15. The Sister Centre, Rogers Park, Chicago, Illinois; Their monthly expenses are as follows; rent, \$25, pregnancy testing chemicals; \$56.00 for 50 tests, films, speakers etc.; \$40, telephone answering service; \$31.50, total \$152.50. They are also looking for \$50 for a second hand refrigerator also needed for pregnancy testing. As well as rap sessions, arts and skilled craft exchanges, classes in womens liberation they wish to begin pregnancy testing, legal aid services for women, birth control and abortion counselling and a rape service.

Pending 16. Alabama Black Liberation Front, Birmingham, Alabama; Looking for contribution toward free breakfast programme.

F.P. Grant 17. Jamaica Plain Bookstore and Community Store, Boston, Mass; asking for \$400. for a mimeo machine or anything toward the \$1000. needed to supply the store (of which \$100. would be for Free Press lit.). The bookstore and center would provide legal classes and counseling concentrating on tenants rights and police harrassment of local young people. Birth control information, anti-war meetings, and film showings are also considered. The bookstore will hopefully provide the center with a means of financial support.

\$200 18. Massachusetts Lawyer's Guild, Cambridge; Money from dues is falling off due to drop in support from wealthy, established lawyers. Asking for \$270 for subscriptions, \$300 for mimeo reproduction of information bulletins, \$100 for postage to send info. to jailhouse lawyers. This will get them thru till fall when they expect to build up support from Guild members.

No 19. Panthers - N.Y.

20. Montreal